



9th ANNUAL WINTERFEST

TEACHING AND
LEARNING IN TIMES
OF COVID: ADAPTING
TO THE REMOTE
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CENTRE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
December 14 – 17, 2020

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#CUWinterfest

WINTERFEST



WELCOME TO WINTERFEST 2020-21 #CUWINTERFEST

This year, we have exceptionally moved our annual teaching festival to December in order to provide support for faculty preparing for remote teaching for the winter. These sessions center around the realities of teaching remotely through a pandemic and the challenges it brings. Please see our Winterfest page for more information about sessions and speakers.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 A.M.

REMOTE TEACHING: HOW TO IMPLEMENT SELF-CARE DURING THE PANDEMIC

Self-care is the essence of maintaining mental health, emotional well-being, and physical health. Intentional self-care is key to help faculty cope with the challenges of remote teaching. This panel discussion is intended to help faculty rethink their self-care routines with strategies and practical skills on wellness, self-care, and work-life balance from health promotion specialists, psychologists, and faculty.

Panelists:



Dr. Thanh DANG-VU
Professor, Neurologist



Dr. Jewel Perlin
Psychologist



Owen Moran
Health Promotion Specialist



Christina Weiss
Conditioning & Rehab
Instructor, PERFORM Centre

Panel Moderator:



Dr. Philippe Caignon,
Associate Dean, Student
Academic Services and
Academic Director, CTL

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 A.M.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF ONLINE LEARNING

Andrea Cartile is an Engineering PhD student and Teaching Assistant at Concordia University. Having collected a few sporadic anecdotes from students on how the Fall 2020 semester was progressing, and having seen and experienced the exceptionally high faculty teaching workload, Andrea decided to launch a survey to collect and centralize student perception. The objective of this survey was to collect an overview of both positive outcomes of online learning, and ways in which the Winter 2021 semester could be improved for both students and faculty.

This Winterfest session will have two parts: the first will be to present the results of this survey, which received about 800 student responses over a span of 3 weeks. The second part of the session will be a consultation, providing a space for faculty to discuss the results of the survey and offer suggestions for improvement for the Winter 2021 semester.

Facilitators:



Andrea Cartile
Engineering PhD student



Laura Mitchell
Interim Executive Director,
Student Services

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 A.M.

THE ZOOM CLASSROOM: MAKING IT WORK

We cannot replicate our classroom courses in Zoom, but we can develop approaches to create a positive and productive remote teaching and learning experience. This panel will host faculty who share some practices they have adopted to help them engage students, reconcile with teaching to the 'black boxes', and build a sense of community in their remote classrooms.

Panelists:



Dr. Katja Neves
Professor, Sociology and Anthropology



Dr. Gregor Kos
Lecturer, Chemistry and Biochemistry



Dr. Shahin Karimidorabati
Lecturer, Building, Civil, and Environmental Engineering



M. Wright
Associate Professor, Design and Computation Arts

Panel Moderator:



Dr. Satoshi Ikeda
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology



Carol Hawthorne
Curriculum Developer, CTL

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 A.M.

LESSONS LEARNED: REFLECTING ON NINE MONTHS OF TEACHING ONLINE

Moving courses online requires instructors to rethink many of the aspects of teaching and assessing students and through the process, we've learned a few lessons. This panel will host faculty who will discuss some of the ways they adapted their courses for the online environment. As they reflect on these past nine months online, they will share how these adaptations worked (or didn't work).

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Lecturer, Chemistry & Biochemistry



Michael Rembacz, Eng.
Lecturer, Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering



Eva Lagou, MBA
Lecturer, Accountancy

Alex Antonopoulos, PhD
Part-time faculty, SdBI

Panel Moderator:



Alicia Cundell
Teaching Consultant, CTL

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